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**"AN ACT CONCERNING FIRE SAFE CIGARETTES AND APPEALS  
OF DECISIONS BY LOCAL TREE WARDENS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) As used in sections 1 to 6,  
4 inclusive, sections 9 and 10 of this act, and sections 12-302 and 12-303  
5 of the general statutes, as amended by this act:

6 (1) "Cigarette manufacturer's license" means a cigarette  
7 manufacturer's license issued pursuant to section 12-285b of the  
8 general statutes;

9 (2) "Cigarette" means any roll for smoking made wholly or in part of  
10 tobacco, irrespective of size or shape and irrespective of whether the  
11 tobacco is flavored, adulterated or mixed with any other ingredient,  
12 where such roll has a wrapper or cover made of paper or any other

13 substance or material except tobacco;

14 (3) "Quality control and quality assurance program" means the  
15 laboratory procedures implemented to ensure that operator bias,  
16 systematic and nonsystematic methodological errors and equipment-  
17 related problems do not affect the results of the testing;

18 (4) "Repeatability" means the range of values within which the  
19 repeat results of cigarette test trials from a single laboratory will fall  
20 ninety-five per cent of the time;

21 (5) "Brand family" has the same meaning as provided in section 4-  
22 28k of the general statutes;

23 (6) "Holder" means the holder of a cigarette manufacturer's license;  
24 and

25 (7) "Stamper" means a person licensed as a cigarette distributor  
26 under chapter 214 of the general statutes and authorized to purchase  
27 unstamped packages of cigarettes and required to affix Connecticut  
28 cigarette tax stamps to such packages before such packages are  
29 transferred out of such person's possession, unless such packages are  
30 transferred to another stamper.

31 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) On and after July 1, 2008, no  
32 holder of a cigarette manufacturer's license shall sell cigarettes, or offer  
33 cigarettes for sale, to consumers within this state, whether directly or  
34 through a distributor, dealer, or similar intermediary or  
35 intermediaries, unless such cigarettes comply with the requirements of  
36 subsection (b) of this section.

37 (b) Cigarettes to be sold, or offered for sale, to consumers within this  
38 state, whether directly or through a distributor, dealer, or similar  
39 intermediary or intermediaries, shall: (1) Have been tested in  
40 accordance with the test method specified in section 3 of this act and  
41 meet the performance standard specified in section 3 of this act; (2)  
42 have been listed in a written certification submitted to the Office of the

43 State Fire Marshal in accordance with section 4 of this act; and (3) be in  
44 packages marked in accordance with section 6 of this act.

45 (c) If any holder violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this  
46 section, the Commissioner of Revenue Services may suspend or revoke  
47 the holder's cigarette manufacturer's license in the same manner as  
48 provided in section 12-295 of the general statutes for the suspension or  
49 revocation of the license of a dealer or distributor.

50 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any holder  
51 or any stamper from selling or offering for sale cigarettes not meeting  
52 the requirements of subsection (b) of this section if such cigarettes are  
53 or will be stamped for sale in another state or are packaged for sale  
54 outside the United States.

55 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) All testing by or on behalf of  
56 a holder of a cigarette manufacturer's license or by or on behalf of the  
57 Office of the State Fire Marshal to determine a cigarette's compliance  
58 with the performance standard specified in this section shall be  
59 conducted in accordance with the following requirements:

60 (1) Testing of cigarettes shall be conducted in accordance with the  
61 American Society of Testing and Materials or "ASTM" standard E2187-  
62 04, "Standard Test Method for Measuring the Ignition Strength of  
63 Cigarettes" or a subsequent ASTM Standard Test Method for  
64 Measuring the Ignition Strength of Cigarettes upon a finding by the  
65 State Fire Marshal that such subsequent method does not result in a  
66 change in the percentage of full-length burns exhibited by any tested  
67 cigarette when compared to the percentage of full-length burns the  
68 same cigarette would exhibit when tested in accordance with ASTM  
69 standard E2187-04 and the performance standard in subdivision (3) of  
70 this subsection;

71 (2) Testing shall be conducted on ten layers of filter paper;

72 (3) Not more than twenty-five per cent of the cigarettes tested in a  
73 test trial in accordance with this section shall exhibit full-length burns.

74 Forty replicate tests shall comprise a complete test trial for each  
75 cigarette tested;

76 (4) The performance standard required by this section shall only be  
77 applied to a complete test trial;

78 (5) Written certifications shall be based upon testing conducted by a  
79 laboratory that has been accredited pursuant to standard ISO or IEC  
80 17025 of the International Organization for Standardization or such  
81 other comparable accreditation standard as the Office of the State Fire  
82 Marshal may require by regulation;

83 (6) Laboratories conducting testing in accordance with this section  
84 shall implement a quality control and quality assurance program that  
85 includes a procedure that will determine the repeatability of the testing  
86 results. The repeatability value shall be no greater than 0.19. Such  
87 program ensures that the testing repeatability remains within the  
88 required repeatability value set forth in this subdivision for all test  
89 trials used to certify cigarettes in accordance with this section and  
90 section 4 of this act; and

91 (7) No additional testing under this section is required if cigarettes  
92 are tested consistent with this section for any other purpose.

93 (b) Each cigarette that uses lowered permeability bands in the  
94 cigarette paper to achieve compliance with the performance standard  
95 set forth in this section shall have not less than two nominally identical  
96 bands on the paper surrounding the tobacco column. At least one  
97 complete band shall be located not less than fifteen millimeters from  
98 the lighting end of the cigarette. For cigarettes on which the bands are  
99 positioned by design, there shall be not less than two bands fully  
100 located at least fifteen millimeters from the lighting end and ten  
101 millimeters from the filter end of the tobacco column, or ten  
102 millimeters from the labeled end of the tobacco column for nonfiltered  
103 cigarettes.

104 (c) A holder of a cigarette manufacturer's license that manufactures

105 a cigarette that the State Fire Marshal determines cannot be tested in  
106 accordance with the test method prescribed in subdivision (1) of  
107 subsection (a) of this section may propose an alternate test method and  
108 performance standard for the cigarette to the State Fire Marshal. Upon  
109 approval and a determination by the State Fire Marshal that the  
110 performance standard proposed by the holder is equivalent to the  
111 performance standard prescribed in subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of  
112 this section, the holder may employ such test method and performance  
113 standard to certify such cigarette pursuant to section 4 of this act. If the  
114 State Fire Marshal determines that another state has enacted reduced  
115 cigarette ignition propensity standards that include a test method and  
116 performance standard that are the same as those contained in this  
117 section, and the State Fire Marshal finds that the officials responsible  
118 for implementing those requirements have approved the proposed  
119 alternative test method and performance standard for a particular  
120 cigarette proposed by a holder as meeting the reduced cigarette  
121 ignition propensity standards of that state's law or regulations under a  
122 legal provision comparable to this section, then the State Fire Marshal  
123 shall authorize that holder to employ the alternative test method and  
124 performance standard to certify that cigarette for sale in this state,  
125 unless the State Fire Marshal has a reasonable basis for deciding that  
126 the alternative test should not be accepted under said sections. All  
127 other applicable requirements of this section shall apply to the holder.

128 (d) Each holder of a cigarette manufacturer's license shall maintain  
129 copies of the reports of all tests conducted on all cigarettes with respect  
130 to which such holder has submitted written certification in accordance  
131 with the provisions of section 4 of this act. Such holder shall provide  
132 copies of the reports available to the Office of the State Fire Marshal  
133 and to the office of the Attorney General upon written request. Any  
134 holder that fails to provide such copies not later than sixty days after  
135 receiving a written request shall be subject to a civil penalty not to  
136 exceed ten thousand dollars for each day after the sixtieth day that the  
137 holder does not make such copies available.

138 (e) The State Fire Marshal shall review the effectiveness of the

139 implementation of this section and shall submit a report to the joint  
140 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
141 matters relating to public safety, in accordance with section 11-4a of  
142 the general statutes, containing the State Fire Marshal's findings and, if  
143 appropriate, recommendations for legislation to improve the  
144 effectiveness of this section. Such report shall be submitted not later  
145 than June 30, 2011, and every three years thereafter.

146       Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) Each holder of a cigarette  
147 manufacturer's license shall submit to the Office of the State Fire  
148 Marshal a written certification every three years attesting that: (1) Each  
149 cigarette listed in the certification has been tested in accordance with  
150 section 3 of this act; and (2) each cigarette listed in the certification  
151 meets the performance standard set forth in section 3 of this act.

152       (b) The certification shall list the following information for each  
153 cigarette listed: (1) Brand or trade name on the package; (2) style, such  
154 as light or ultra light; (3) length in millimeters; (4) circumference in  
155 millimeters; (5) flavor, if applicable; (6) filter or nonfilter; (7) package  
156 description, such as a soft package or box; (8) marking pursuant to  
157 section 6 of this act; (9) the name, address and telephone number of the  
158 laboratory, if different than the holder that conducted the test; and (10)  
159 the date that the testing occurred.

160       (c) For each cigarette listed in a certification, a holder shall pay to  
161 the State Fire Marshal a fee of two hundred fifty dollars. The State Fire  
162 Marshal may annually adjust such fee, in regulations adopted in  
163 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to ensure that such  
164 fee defrays the actual costs of the processing, testing, enforcement and  
165 oversight activities of the State Fire Marshal in accordance with  
166 sections 1 to 6, inclusive, of this act.

167       (d) If a holder has certified a cigarette pursuant to this section, and  
168 thereafter makes any change to such cigarette that is likely to alter its  
169 compliance with the reduced cigarette ignition propensity standards  
170 required by section 3 of this act, the holder shall not sell that cigarette,

171 or offer that cigarette for sale, to consumers within this state, whether  
172 directly or through a distributor, dealer or similar intermediary or  
173 intermediaries, until the holder (1) retests the cigarette, in accordance  
174 with the testing standards set forth in section 3 of this act, (2) maintains  
175 records of such retesting as required by section 3 of this act, and (3)  
176 finds that the cigarette meets the performance standards set forth in  
177 section 3 of this act.

178 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) Not later than July 1, 2008,  
179 the Office of the State Fire Marshal shall develop and make available  
180 for public inspection, on its web site and in such other forms as the  
181 State Fire Marshal deems appropriate, a Connecticut Fire Safe  
182 Cigarette Directory listing of all holders that have provided current  
183 certifications conforming to the requirements of section 4 of this act  
184 and all cigarettes that are listed in such certifications. The State Fire  
185 Marshal shall update the directory as necessary in order to correct  
186 mistakes and to add or remove a holder or cigarette to keep the  
187 directory current and in conformity with the requirements of sections 1  
188 to 6, inclusive, of this act.

189 (b) The State Fire Marshal shall not include or retain in such  
190 directory the cigarette of any holder if the holder: (1) Has failed to  
191 provide the required certification, (2) has failed to provide copies of  
192 reports, as required by subsection (d) of section 3 of this act, and more  
193 than sixty days have elapsed since the holder received the written  
194 request therefor, or (3) has provided a certification that the State Fire  
195 Marshal determines is not in compliance with the provisions of section  
196 4 of this act, unless such violation has been remedied to the satisfaction  
197 of the State Fire Marshal.

198 (c) Any holder aggrieved by a determination by the State Fire  
199 Marshal not to include a cigarette in the directory maintained pursuant  
200 to this section or to remove such cigarette from the directory may  
201 apply, not later than thirty days after such determination, to the  
202 superior court for the judicial district of Hartford, which court may  
203 grant appropriate relief.

204 (d) If the State Fire Marshal determines that a holder of a cigarette  
205 manufacturer's license has violated a provision of this section or  
206 section 4 of this act, the Attorney General, upon referral from the State  
207 Fire Marshal, may bring a civil action in the superior court for the  
208 judicial district of Hartford to recover a civil penalty of not more than  
209 ten thousand dollars per violation and such injunctive and equitable  
210 relief as the court deems appropriate.

211 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) No holder of a cigarette  
212 manufacturer's license shall sell cigarettes, or offer to sell cigarettes, to  
213 consumers within this state, whether directly or through a distributor,  
214 dealer or similar intermediary or intermediaries, unless the holder has  
215 placed on each individual package of such cigarettes the letters "FSC",  
216 which signifies Fire Standards Compliant. Such letters shall appear in  
217 eight-point type and be permanently printed, stamped, engraved or  
218 embossed on the package at or near the UPC Code, if such code is  
219 present.

220 Sec. 7. Subsection (b) of section 12-302 of the general statutes is  
221 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
222 *1, 2008*):

223 (b) No distributor shall affix, or cause to be affixed, to a package of  
224 cigarettes sold or distributed by such distributor, stamps, if the  
225 package (1) is not labeled in conformity with the requirements of the  
226 federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, 79 Stat. 282, 15 USC  
227 1331 et seq., or any other federal requirement for the placement of  
228 labels, warnings and other information, applicable to packages of  
229 cigarettes that are intended to be sold within the United States; (2)  
230 bears any label or notice prescribed by the United States Department  
231 of Treasury to identify cigarettes intended for export and exempt from  
232 tax by the United States pursuant to 26 USC 5704(b), including "For  
233 export only", "U.S. Tax-exempt", "For use outside U.S." or similar  
234 wording indicating that the manufacturer did not intend that the  
235 product be sold within the United States, including any notice or label  
236 described in 27 CFR 290.185; (3) has been imported into the United



237 States after January 1, 2000, in violation of 26 USC 5754 or regulations  
238 adopted thereunder; (4) in any way violates federal trademark or  
239 copyright law or if all federal taxes due have not been paid on the  
240 cigarettes; (5) has been modified or altered by a person other than the  
241 manufacturer or person specifically authorized by the manufacturer,  
242 including modification or alteration by the placement of a sticker or  
243 label to cover information, including the wording, labels or warnings  
244 described in subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection, on the package;  
245 [or (6) has been manufactured or sold by a tobacco product  
246 manufacturer that is in violation of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of  
247 section 4-28i or section 4-28j and the distributor has been notified by  
248 the commissioner of such violation. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
249 section 12-15, the commissioner may disclose to the public the name of  
250 any person who has violated the provisions of section 4-28i or 4-28j]  
251 (6) is of a brand family or of a tobacco product manufacturer not  
252 included in the Connecticut Tobacco Directory maintained by the  
253 Commissioner of Revenue Services pursuant to section 4-28m; or (7) is  
254 of cigarettes not included in the Connecticut Fire Safe Cigarette  
255 Directory maintained by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to section 5 of  
256 this act.

257 Sec. 8. Subsection (b) of section 12-303 of the general statutes is  
258 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
259 *1, 2008*):

260 (b) No dealer shall affix, or cause to be affixed, to a package of  
261 cigarettes sold or distributed by such dealer, stamps, if the package (1)  
262 is not labeled in conformity with the requirements of the federal  
263 Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, 79 Stat. 282, 15 USC 1331 et  
264 seq., or any other federal requirement for the placement of labels,  
265 warnings and other information, applicable to packages of cigarettes  
266 that are intended to be sold within the United States; (2) bears any  
267 label or notice prescribed by the United States Department of Treasury  
268 to identify cigarettes intended for export and exempt from tax by the  
269 United States pursuant to 26 USC 5704(b), including "For export only",  
270 "U.S. Tax-exempt", "For use outside U.S." or similar wording indicating

271 that the manufacturer did not intend that the product be sold within  
272 the United States, including any notice or label described in 27 CFR  
273 290.185; (3) has been imported into the United States after January 1,  
274 2000, in violation of 26 USC 5754 or regulations adopted thereunder;  
275 (4) in any way violates federal trademark or copyright law or if all  
276 federal taxes due have not been paid on the cigarettes; (5) has been  
277 modified or altered by a person other than the manufacturer or person  
278 specifically authorized by the manufacturer, including modification or  
279 alteration by the placement of a sticker or label to cover information,  
280 including the wording, labels or warnings described in subdivision (1)  
281 or (2) of this subsection, on the package; [or (6) has been manufactured  
282 or sold by a tobacco product manufacturer that is in violation of  
283 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 4-28i or section 4-28j and the  
284 dealer has been notified by the commissioner of such violation.  
285 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-15, the commissioner  
286 may disclose to the public the name of any person who has violated  
287 the provisions of section 4-28i or 4-28j] (6) is of a brand family or of a  
288 tobacco product manufacturer not included in the Connecticut  
289 Tobacco Directory maintained by the Commissioner of Revenue  
290 Services pursuant to section 4-28m; or (7) is of cigarettes not included  
291 in the Connecticut Fire Safe Cigarette Directory maintained by the  
292 State Fire Marshal pursuant to section 5 of this act.

293 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The State Fire Marshal shall  
294 implement sections 1 to 6, inclusive, of this act, in accordance with the  
295 New York fire safety standards, as amended, as said standards are  
296 embodied in New York Executive Law, Section 156-c, as amended and  
297 Part 429 of Title 19 New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations, as  
298 amended. The State Fire Marshal may adopt regulations, in accordance  
299 with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement  
300 the provisions of sections 3 to 5, inclusive, of this act, and any such  
301 regulations shall be consistent with said New York fire safety  
302 standards.

303 Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) There is established, within the  
304 General Fund, a separate, nonlapsing account to be known as the fire

305 safety standard and firefighter protection act enforcement account. The  
 306 account shall contain all certification fees submitted by holders in  
 307 accordance with section 4 of this act, any civil penalties imposed in  
 308 accordance with subsection (d) of section 3 of this act or subsection (d)  
 309 of section 5 of this act, and any other moneys required by law to be  
 310 deposited in the account. The proceeds of the account shall be used by  
 311 the State Fire Marshal solely to fund the processing, testing and  
 312 administrative activities specified in sections 3, 4 and 5 of this act."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	12-302(b)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	12-303(b)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section